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[REDACTED] telephoned about the flap with General Landon and suggested that we might "butter up" General Landon as soon as he has cooled off a little bit through General Cabell. I told Gerry that I agreed and that I had talked to General Cabell about this. However, I don't know just how it would work out.

2. I reviewed with Emmett Echols the substance of the talk he is going to make Friday morning at the Department of State to the NIS and BR employees who may apply for transfer to the Agency.

3. Emmett also talked with me about Negro JOTs. Despite General Cabell's instructions that we get three Negro JOTs this year, we don't have any yet, and while there are several in the mill, Emmett is not optimistic that they will get through all of the screening processes. I told him that he should get together with Matt Baird and by making whatever adjustments that are necessary in the recruitment and the standards required by the JOT people see that we get three Negro JOTs. I pointed out that while I had previously agreed with their position not to attempt recruitment at colored colleges such as Howard University we certainly could not stand on this position if we were not going to fill our quota and perhaps they had better take another look at this whole situation.

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4. I talked to [REDACTED] about the reduction of the Records Management Staff and to my surprise we are in agreement, at least in concept. This is that the Central Records Management Staff should limit their activities to leadership, training, assistance, monitoring, auditing, etc., and that Agency components themselves should actually do most of the work. Lou has agreed to submit to me a proposal along these lines by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week which would reduce the Central Records Management Staff to approximately six people. H

5. At the Director's request, growing out of Castro's offer to trade 1,000 prisoners for five hundred bulldozers, I supplied the Director with the cost of bulldozers as follows: D-4 - \$8,710; D-6 - \$12,700; D-7 - \$20,000; D-8 - \$27,325.

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6. Jim Garrison advises me that [REDACTED] of the architectural firm planning [REDACTED] for the National Photographic Intelligence Center has now raised the estimate to \$6.9 million plus his fee, or something more than \$7 million. I told Jim to keep working on this because the Director has approved only \$6.5 million and I suspect that [REDACTED] can cut his estimate back if he is told to do so. H

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7. John Tietjen was over to talk to me about [REDACTED] He thinks that there is, of course, some risk that Jack may not get by the Navy physical. However, he does not think the risk is too great. In any case, he sees no reason for the Agency to be involved in this at all. He does, however, want to take a look at Jack when he comes back for our own purposes.

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8. [REDACTED] advised me that Mr. [REDACTED] a Communications employee at the [REDACTED], was in jail charged with assault because of a family altercation last evening in which [REDACTED] beat up his wife. Apparently, he was brought home from an overseas assignment not too long ago because of similar conduct. He is to be tried within the next few days. I told Harry to be sure that we get him off the roles as promptly as possible and also to be sure that the Medical Staff is brought into the picture without delay to make sure that we did not have a mentally deranged person on our hands.

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